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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

HERBERT O. DELANO,	Term Expires March, 1912
JOHN K. SARGENT,	Term Expires March 1913
JAMES W. BAILEY,	Term Expires March 1914

Clerk

CLIFTON B. HEATH

Treasurer

WILLIS H. SCOTT

Collector of Taxes

FRED W. GEORGE

Auditor

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH

Water Commissioners and Municipal Light Board

WARREN A. BAILEY,	Term Expires March 1914
WILLIS H. SCOTT,	Term Expires March, 1912
JAMES L. HOWE,	Term Expires March 1913

Registrars of Voters

FRANK F. PHILBRICK,	WILLIAM O. SMILEY,
CHARLES E. ROWELL,	CLIFTON B. HEATH

Tree Warden

CHARLES R. FORD.

Fence Viewers

JACOB T. CROSBY, JAMES C. LIBBY,
EDSON C. WALKER.

Weighers of Coal and Measurers of Grain

BYRON H. SARGENT, EDWARD H. PREBLE,
ALICE J. HOYT.

Inspector of Animals

GEORGE W. HOYT.

Fish and Game Warden

ORAN W. BURKE, FRED O. BAILEY.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

HENRY C. MANNING.

Forest Warden

EDGAR P. SARGENT.

Burial Agent

ALBERT A. TRULL

Field Driver

JAMES L. HOWE

Inspector of Meats

GEORGE A. TITCOMB, Jr.

Superintendent of Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth

CHARLES R. FORD.

Engineers of Fire Department

*JOHN W. J. GROCUT, CLARENCE O. LIBBY,
**ANGUS McINNIS, WILLIAM S. TUCKWELL.

Superintendent of Streets

JACOB T. CROSBY

Constables

JOHN J. MINAHAN, FRED O. BAILEY,
WINFIELD S. LEWIS.

School Committee

E. DEAN WILLIAMS,	Term Expires March 1912
WALTER L. CHALONER,	Term Expires March, 1913
HENRY C. MANNING,	Term Expires March 1914

Trustees of Public Library

JAMES F. PEASE,	Term Expires March, 1914
CHARLES W. CUTTS,	Term Expires March, 1912
HERBERT O. DELANO,	Term Expires March, 1912
THOMAS H. HOYT,	Term Expires March, 1913
WILLIAM B. SARGENT,	Term Expires March, 1914

Trustees of Cemeteries

GEORGE G. LARKIN,	Term Expires March, 1914
CHARLES E. ROWELL,	Term Expires March, 1912
CHARLES A. LANCASTER,	Term Expires March, 1913

Trustees of Kimball Park

FRED C. GRANT,	Term Expires March, 1914
RICHARD A. SARGENT,	Term Expires March, 1912
WALTER L. CHALONER,	Term Expires March, 1913

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark

BYRON H. SARGENT, JOHN E. CURRRIER.
EDGAR P. SARGENT.

*Resigned.

**Appointed Nov. 6, 1911.

APPROPRIATIONS

Made at Annual Meeting, March 6, 1911

For		
Soldier's relief,		$ 200 00
Support of poor,		1,900 00
Fire department,		1,500 00
Use of forest warden,		150 00
Highways and bridges,		1,000 00
Permanent road work,		600 00
Snow and washouts,		500 00
Sidewalks and crossings,		200 00
Railings in dangerous places,		100 00
Interest,		800 00
Memorial day,		75 00
Discount of taxes,		200 00
Tree warden,		200 00
Public library,		400 00
Oil lamps at Bear Hill,		30 00
Town officers $2,095 as follows:		
Moderator,	$ 5 00	
Tellers and ballot clerks,	65 00	
Registrars of voters,	70 00	
Two special police,	50 00	
Chief of police,	150 00	
Town clerk,	75 00	
Town treasurer,	75 00	
Auditor,	50 00	
Inspector of animals,	25 00	
School committee,	100 00	

Night watchman,	830 00	
First selectman,	300 00	
Second selectmen,	125 00	
Third selectman,	125 00	
Assessors,	150 00	
		$ 2,095 00
Miscellaneous,		500 00
Board of health,		150 00
Gypsy and brown tail moths,		531 01
Cemeteries,		50 00
Training school,		52 00
Sealer of weights and measures,		50 00
Water Department:		
Constructions,		350 00
Maintenance,		2,831 74
Hydrants and watering troughs,		1,775 00
Light Department:		
Construction,		$250 00
Maintenance,		1,835 82
School Department:		
Superintendent,	$ 375 00	
Transportation,	500 00	
General purposes,	8,150 00	
		$ 9,025 00
Bonding town officers,		100 00
Insuring town property,		475 00
Repairs on exterior of Town Hall,		300 00
Repairs on interior Town Hall,		250 00
Water Department, laying Jordan-Staples service pipe,		295 00
Woodland street extension,		52 99
Merrimac street extension,		200 00
		$29,023 56

Appropriations at Special Meeting, Nov. 29, 1910

For surveying town landings,	$ 75 00	
Use of committee on water extensions,	100 00	
		$ 175 00

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Essex ss.

To John J. Minahan, Constable of the Town of Merrimac. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the legal voters of the town of Merrimac to meet in Sargent Hall, in Merrimac, on Monday, March 4th next, at 6 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, namely:—

Article 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2.—To give in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, One Selectman, who shall be Assessor and Overseer of the Poor for three years, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, One School Committeeman for three years, One Trustee of Cemetery for three years, One Commissioner of the Water Board for three years, One Commissioner of the Municipal Light Board for three years, One Trustee of Kimball Park for three years, Three Constables, Three Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark, Three Fence Viewers, Three Field Drivers, One Tree Warden, One Auditor of Accounts, also to give in their votes on the same ballots "Yes" or "No" on the question, shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? In voting under this article the polls will be opened at six o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two in the afternoon.

Article 3.—To fix the time of payment of taxes and see

what disocunt, if any, the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes; also to fix the compensation of the Collector.

Article 4.—To see what action the town will take in regards to charging interest on uncollected taxes.

Article 5.—To see if the Town will authorize its Collector of Taxes to use all means of collecting taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed a collector of taxes in accordance with section 78, chapter 25, of the Revised Laws.

Article 6.—To determine what sum of money shall be raised to defray necessary and usual charges and expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 7.—To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, or a majority thereof, to borrow during the municipal year beginning January 1, 1912, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of said year such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor payable within one year from the date thereof. All debts incurred under authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 8.—To see if the town will vote to amend Article 1, Section 1 of its By-Laws, by striking out the words "and by publishing in some paper, published in Essex North" so the Article will read: Article 1 Section 1, Every Town Meeting shall be notified by posting a copy of the Warrant calling the same, in three public places, in the town, seven days, at least, before the day appointed for the meeting..

Article 9.—Section One to see if the town will vote to have its Selectmen draw orders for all amounts appropriated or assessed for, to all departments who

expend their own appropriations. Section Two and instruct all departments to return orders for the amount of any unexpended balance they may have at the completion of the work, or at the close of the financial year. Section Three that no department be allowed to make any overdraft without the approval of the majority of the selectmen. Section Four the selectmen shall not approve of any overdraft unless there be in the treasury a sufficient sum from the overlay assessed or from unexpended balances returned; without a vote of the town.

Article 10.—On the petition of Willis H. Scott and others. Section One to see if the town will vote to amend Section Two of Article One of its By-Laws, by striking out the word "March," and inserting in its place the word April of each year, so as to read as follows: Section Two. The annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Monday of April of each year. Section Two. To see if the town will vote to amend Article Two of its By-Laws by striking out the words "February' and insert in its place the word "March;" by striking out the word "thirty-first" and inserting in its place the word last; and by striking out the word "January" and inserting in its place the word February, so as to read as follows: Article Two. Financial Year. The financial year of the town shall begin with the first day of March in each year, and end with the last day of the following February.

Article 11.—On the petition of Fred E. Sweetsir and others, to see if the town will elect a committee of five to confer with the Haverhill authorities with reference to annexation, to report to the town at subsequent meeting.

Article 12.—On the petition of Robert O. Patten and others to hear the report of its selectmen concerning petitions for franchise privileges for the diffusion and sale of Gas in the town of Merrimac and to

advise with its Board of Selectmen concerning the granting of said franchise and the terms thereof.

Article 13.—On petition of Robert O. Patten and others to see if the town will vote to choose a committee of three to examine the Light and Water business, to see what will be necessary and fair to put it nearer a paying basis, or any other matter in relation to same considered necessary, and to report at an adjourned meeting in one month.

Article 14.—To see if the town will vote to accept the proposition of Frank N. Rand (to the light commissioners) to extend the Electric Light and Power service to the junction of Locust and Merrimac streets and if accepted make an appropriation for the same.

Article 15.—On the petition of James T. Colgan and others, to see if the town will vote to instruct its Water Commissioners to extend its main on East Main street, to a point near the residence of John Chaff on Bear Hill street and raise and appropriate money to pay for the same.

Article 16.—On the petition of Chas. W. Sawyer and others, to see if the town will vote to instruct its Water Commissioners to extend its water service on Locust St. to a point near the residence of Geo. H. Tilton on Merrimac street and to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of the same.

Article 17.—To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to bring in a list of appropriations to be voted upon at the annual town meeting of 1913.

Article 18.—To see if the town will at this meeting appoint a committee to bring in a list of names for the Town Officers to be voted on at the caucus for nomination of Town Officers for 1913.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three public places in said town of Merrimac, at least seven days before said

meeting, also by publishing in the Amesbury Daily News. (a paper published in Essex, North.) Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant and your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands at Merrimac this twenty-first day of February 1912.

JAMES W. BAILEY,
HERBERT O. DELANO,
JOHN K. SARGENT,
Selectmen of Merrimac.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

TOWN OFFICERS

James W. Bailey, salary and election officer,	$ 354 50
Herbert O. Delano, salary,	175 00
John K. Sargent, salary and election officer,	184 50
Clifton B. Heath, registrar and town clerk,	100 00
E. Dean Williams, school committee and election officer,	28 00
Walter L. Chaloner, school committee,	50 00
H. C. Manning, school committee, special police and election officer,	30 50
Thomas H. Hoyt, town council,	50 00
Fred W. George, collector of taxes,	647 97
F. F. Philbrick, registrar,	15 00
W. O. Smiley, registrar,	15 00
Chas. E. Rowell, registrar,	15 00
Geo. W. Hoyt, inspector of animals,	50 00
Albert P. Wadleigh, auditor,	25 00
John J. Minahan, chief of police and night watch,	880 00
Fred O. Bailey, special police,	25 00
W. S. Lewis, special police,	27 50
James C. Pease, treasurer,	3 75
Chas. F. Burns, election officer,	4 50
Martin B. Crane, election officer,	3 00
Proctor C. Smith, election officer,	7 50
Richard E. Finn, election officer,	7 50
John E. Bean, election officer and special police,	13 00
Herbert Colby, election officer,	3 00
B. F. Carter, election officer,	6 00
Dennis Donahue, election officer,	3 00

L. W. Howe, election officer,		3 00
Michael Burns, election officer,		3 00
Burton Lefavor, election officer,		3 00
Fred P. Clement, election officer,		7 50
Oran Burke, special police,		5 00
		$2,745 72
Appropriation,	$2,095 00	
Due from the State on account inspection of animals,	25 00	
Overdrawn,	355 72	
		$2,475 72

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Number of persons aided,		4
Aid rendered as follows:		
Fuel,	$ 31 00	
Medical aid,	80 75	
Burial,	74 00	
Cash,	44 00	
		$229 75
Appropriation,	$200 00	
Received from Commonwealth on account of burials,	74 00	
	$274 00	
Unexpended balance,		44 25

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

The Overseers of the Poor would report that we have given relief and partial support to persons having residence in Merrimac, 11

Persons having residence in Haverhill,	11
Persons having residence in Lawrence,	1
Persons having residence in Boston,	1
Persons having no residence and charged to State,	4
Total,	28

Aid rendered and bills paid as follows:

Cash,	$ 8 00	
Rent,	8 00	
Groceries, meat, etc.,	331 17	
Clothing,	7 00	
Fuel,	36 75	
Transportation,	10 28	
Medical attendance,	162 50	
Board,	93 00	
Miscellaneous,	7 50	
		$ 664 20

Fully Supported.

Residence in Merrimac 9; aid rendered as follows:

Rent,	$132 75	
Groceries and meat,	576 22	
Clothing,	42 16	
Fuel,	96 25	
Medical attendance,	112 95	
Board,	678 97	
Miscellaneous,	40 13	
		$1,679 43
		$ 2,343 63

Appropriation,	$1,900 00	
Received and due from city of Haverhill,	26 50	
Due from City of Lawrence,	79 40	
City of Boston,	22 85	
Commonwealth,	72 97	
		$2,101 72
Overdrawn		241 91

BOARD OF HEALTH

James W. Bailey, fumigating,	$ 2 00
L. Y. Stevens, burying dog,	1 00
A. Joudrey, burying dog,	1 00
F. L. Parker, supplies,	80
	$ 4 50
Unexpended balance,	145 20
Appropriation, $150.00.	$150 00

MEMORIAL DAY

John E. Bean, Q. M.,		$75 00
Appropriation,	$75 00	

MISCELLANEOUS DEPT.

A. H. Pierce, returning 24 births,	$ 6 00
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	3 30
W. H. Streeter, setting glass,	65
Geo. Ricker, P. O. box rent and supplies,	59 46
Haverhill Evening Gazette, advertising,	1 25
New England Telephone Co., telephone services,	31 57
Granville J. Daniels, repairing ballot box,	6 50
F. W. George, stamps,	2 26
J. J. Minahan, serving warrants, expense, etc.,	32 38
Geo. F. Kendrick, upholstering chairs in Town Hall,	6 00
A. P. Marden, tuning piano,	2 75
Margaret E. Greeley, services,	5 00
P. B. Murphy, supplies and printing,	6 35
Amesbury Publishing Co., printing,	178 54
F. I. Haswell, supplies,	2 45
Merrimac Light Department, light bulbs,	2 00
Albert P. Wadleigh, expense,	2 50
Carter Ink Co., supplies,	1 50
Clifton B. Heath, printing,	112 64
Clifton B. Heath, returning births,	15 50
Clifton B. Heath, returning deaths,	6 80
Clifton B. Heath, returning marriages,	3 15
Clifton B. Heath, postage, express and telephone,	3 93
G. G. Davis, teams,	10 75
Burroughs Adding Machine Co., adding machine and supplies,	197 50
James C. Pease, expense as treasurer,	3 25
L. B. Davis, stock and labor,	9 76
J. W. Bailey, expense,	80
G. W. Sargent Sons, 1 cord wood for Town Hall,	7 00

American Express Co., expressage,	1 20
Chase Bros., supplies,	2 25
Hobbs & Warren Co., supplies,	63
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	45 45
F. W. Webb Mfg. Co., bubbling fountain,	3 20
E. L. Wohlgemouth, supplies,	60
Thos. Groom & Co., supplies,	2 00
A. W. Brownell & Co., tax tables,	35
Eastern Fountain Co., fountain,	7 50
Wright & Potter Printing Co., tax return blanks,	64
W. S. Lewis, shooting dog,	1 00
Globe Stamp Works, stamp,	90
Horace J. Stevens, list copper stock,	5 20
Hanscom Hardware Co., floor wax,	3 00
H. O. Delano, supplies,	2 65
H. C. Manning, labor and janitor,	33 65
Jacob Buckhardt, reimbursed tax,	2 16
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	75
E. Howard Clock Co., repairing tower clock,	12 82
John B. Heath & Son, returning deaths,	5 50
G. N. Goodwin, supplies,	3 41
D. M. Means, stock and labor,	12 45
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	3 95
H. H. Story, supplies,	1 92
Total,	$874 72

Appropriation,	$500 00
Received for junk license,	25 00
First National Bank rent,	300 00
Court fees,	20 00
Rent Sargent Hall,	167 50

Pool license,	2 00	
Sale of stove,	10 00	
	$1,024 50	
Expended,	874 72	
Unexpended balance,		$ 149 78

TREE WARDEN

Chas. R. Ford, supt.,	$43 68	
Perry Marshall, labor,	37 40	
Willard Kelley, labor,	16 80	
Maurice Kelley, labor,	12 00	
Wilbur Colby, labor,	10 00	
L. D. Kennett, labor,	20 00	
H. F. Golden, labor,	9 00	
		$148 88

Miscellaneous Bills

Willard Kelley, horse hire,	$ 5 00	
Willard Kelley, resetting trees,	2 00	
Willard Kelley, use of power sprayer,	18 00	
Chas. R. Ford, horse hire,	8 00	
		$ 33 00
		$181 88
Appropriation $200.00, unexpended,		18 12
		$200 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Pay Roll

J. T. Crosby, supt.,	$ 62 00	
Wm. Morrow, labor,	146 85	
A. G. Flower, labor,	73 53	
E. F. Goodwin, labor,	122 31	
D. C. Bunker, labor,	118 32	
L. W. Howe, labor,	20 00	
C. A. Davis, labor,	48 76	
Roy Bailey, labor,	10 00	
Frank Bailey, labor,	11 00	
Melvin Webster, labor,	1 44	
Geo. L. Aldrich, labor,	2 55	
Ernest Goodwin, labor,	7 77	
R. E. Howieson, labor,	84 21	
E. A. Howieson, labor,	15 55	
Arthur Stewart, labor,	8 00	
T. W. Griffin, labor,	14 00	
C. O. Libby, labor,	6 25	
E. W. Haskell, labor,	50	
J. T. Crosby, teams,	371 10	
Sargent Coal Co., teams,	80 00	
J. F. Gusha, teams,	70	
L. B. Blaisdell, teams,	27 03	
C. E. Hoyt, teams,	15 47	
G. G. Davis, teams,	46 79	
G. A. Titcomb, teams,	3 00	
		$1,297 13

Miscellaneous Bills

F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	$ 5 05
J. E. Currier, sewer pipe and lumber,	129 19
C. W. Miles, stock and labor,	34 20
L. B. Blaisdell, gravel,	15 40

Haverhill Construction Co., concrete,	31 41	
County of Essex, 16 2-3 per cent of cost of maintenance of Rocks Bridge,	116 90	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	5 40	
J. B. Little & Co., tar paper,	1 08	
		$ 338 63
		$1,635 76
Appropriation,	$1,000 00	
Rec. as excise tax,	340 25	
Overdrawn,	295 51	
		$1,635 76

SNOW AND WASHOUTS

Miscellaneous

I. B. Little & Co., supplies,	$5 14
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	6 40
J. W. Colby, sand,	1 12
L. B. Blaisdell, stone,	1 60
	$14 26

Pay Roll

E. C. Little, labor,	$10 00
E. C. Little, horses,	48 05
E. C. Little, man,	1 32
J. T. Crosby, team,	43 32
J. T. Crosby, man,	77
A. Nicol, team,	1 40
L. B. Blaisdell, team,	14 50

J. F. Gusha, team,		3 33
E. F. Goodwin, labor,		14 13
Wm. Morrow, labor,		29 70
A. F. Flower, labor,		14 63
D. Bunker, labor,		6 38
L. W. Howe, labor,		1 98
Chester Carter, labor,		77
Leroy Bailey, labor,		2 20
J. Currier, labor,		3 20
Frank Bailey, labor,		3 74
Geo. L. Aldrich, labor,		66
J. K. Sargent, labor,		1 00
J. T. Crosby, supt.,		2 25
		$203 33
Miscellaneous,		14 26
Total,		$217 59
Appropriation,	$500 00	
Expended,	217 59	
Balance unexpended,	$282 41	

BONDING TOWN OFFICERS

Clifton B. Heath, bonds,		$ 5 00
Frank N. Rand, bonds,		105 00
		$110 00
Appropriation,	$100 00	
Overdrawn,	10 00	
		$110 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Pay Roll Hose No. 1

W. C. Lewis,	$ 37 50
G. E. Hoyt,	26 00
C. E. Witham,	25 00
W. S. Grocut,	25 00
H. E. Hoyt,	25 00
M. Jennings,	25 00
J. P. Flynn,	25 00
G. H. Gilday,	25 00
A. Hume,	25 00
J. Rollins,	25 00
L. Harrington,	26 00
W. Carter,	25 00
W. Casazza,	22 92
C. Howe,	22 92
Wm. Beckford,	16 67
J. Maier,	12 50
Wm. Houle,	12 50
M. Gilmore,	13 75
J. Coty,	6 25
J. F. Grocut,	6 25
P. Marshall,	6 25
E. Emerson,	6 25
G. Whitcomb,	2 08
H. G. Wishman,	2 08
A. P. Gould,	33 33
J. E. Bean, Jr.,	9 25
L. B. Davis,	63
Frank Ollis,	8 33
John Currier,	75
	$497 21

Pay Roll Hose No. 2

F. E. Parker,	$ 25 00
L. J. Whittier,	25 00
R. J. Eaton,	25 00
J. F. Welch,	25 00
C. A. Carter,	25 00
J. W. Currier,	25 00
F. O. Bailey,	25 00
L. Y. Stevens,	25 00
Horatio Evans,	25 00
Wm. J. Currier,	23 91
Geo. L. Aldrich,	1 00
	$249 91

Miscellaneous

Pettingell Andrews Co., supplies,	$ 106 62
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	133 86
Merrimac Light Dept., supplies,	4 80
John E. Currier, supplies,	2 88
J. E. Mouldoon, stock and labor,	1 33
American Express Co., expressage,	3 24
A. McInnis & Son, trucking,	3 50
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	20 57
W. S. Tuckwell, engineer's salaries,	80 00
Nat. L. Howe, labor,	1 35
Geo. E. Hoyt, stoker,	25 00
John E. Bean Jr., supplies and Supt. of Fire Alarm,	70 90
James P. Flynn, janitor and labor Hose No. 1,	91 75
John W. Currier, janitor Hose No. 2,	20 00
Merrimac Plating Works, supplies,	50
J. T. Crosby, horses,	5 00
J. B. Judkins Co., polish,	1 25
L. B. Blaisdell, horses and loam,	22 50
Boston Woven Hose Co., supplies,	171 68

C. O. Libby, stock and labor,		9 30
F. W. Carter, repairing hose wagon No. 2,		17 00
John Holt, labor,		2 55
E. A. Collins, supplies,		1 60
Mrs. W. W. Lydstron, supplies,		90
G. G. Davis, team, ..		8 00
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,		2 75
W. S. Lewis, labor,		3 00
A. B. Sawyer, telephone service,		45
Eastern Hard Fibre, tubing,		91
Preble Bros, supplies,		7 05
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,		2 10
John E. Donahue, setting glass,		1 96
Merrimac Light Dept., supplies,		1 10
		$ 825 40
Pay roll hose No. 1,		497 21
Pay roll hose No. 2,		249 91
		$1,572 52
Appropriation,	$1,500 00	
Overdraft,	72 52	
		$1,572 25

INSURANCE

Clifton B. Heath, insurance,		$334 29
Frank N. Rand, insurance,		185 18
		$519 47
Appropriation,	$475 00	
Overdrawn,	44 47	
		$519 47

PERMANENT ROAD WORK

Pay Roll

J. T. Crosby, supt.,	$ 22 75
J. T. Crosby, team,	177 75
J. K. Sargent, team,	22 50
G. G. Davis, team,	8 05
Ed. Goodwin, labor,	32 88
Wm. Morrow, labor,	49 98
A. G. Flower, labor,	29 33
T. W. Griffin, labor,	37 66
Wm. Carpenter, labor,	6 00
E. A. Howieson, labor,	37 88
D. C. Bunker, labor,	24 66
C. A. Davis, labor,	21 21
R. E. Howieson, labor,	24 55
E. C. Little, labor,	2 00
	$497 20

Miscellaneous Bills

A. McInnis, freighting,	$ 50	
Mass. Broken Stone Co., crushed stone,	21 90	
B. & M. R. R., freighting and retracking,	84 10	
Barrett Mfg. Co., Tarvia,	250 00	
B. Frank Sargent, gravel,	8 30	
Eastern Hard Fibre Co., steam for heating,	27 00	
Town of Amesbury, use of sprinkler and sweeper,	20 00	
Haverhill Construction Co., barrels,	4 00	
		$415 80
		$913 00

Appropriation,	$600 00	
Overdrawn,	313 00	
		$913 00

STRAIGHTENING EAST MAIN STREET

Pay Roll

J. T. Crosby, supt.,	$ 19 25	
J. T. Crosby, team,	100 75	
Sargent Coal Co., team,	18 00	
J. K. Sargent, team,	42 75	
A. G. Flower, labor,	24 88	
Wm. Morrow, labor,	32 89	
C. A. Davis, labor,	27 00	
Arthur Stewart, labor,	24 11	
T. W. Griffin, labor,	27 44	
R. E. Howieson, labor,	28 88	
E. A. Howieson, labor,	20 77	
Edward Bushong, labor,	1 00	
George Kitteredge, labor,	4 00	
J. F. Gusha, labor,	6 30	
W. O. Smiley,	7 50	
Merrimac Town Improvement Society as awarded by County Commission,	350 00	
		$735 52

No appropriation.

Due from County Commission,	$350 00	
Overdrawn,	385 52	
		$735 52

WATER EXTENSION

J. P. Titcomb, civil engineer,		$ 25 00
Clifton B. Heath, printing,		10 00
Gilbert G. Davis, horse hire,		3 50
		$ 38 50
Unexpended,		61 50
		$100 00
Appropriation,	$100 00	

SURVEYING TOWN LANDING

G. G. Davis, team,		$ 2 00
J. P. Titcomb, on account,		60 00
		$62 00
Unexpended,		13 00
		$75 00
Appropriation,	$75 00	

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Willis H. Scott, treas.,		$400 00
Appropriation,	$400 00	

FOREST WARDEN

R. J. Eaton, pay roll,	4 50	
J. P. Flynn, pay roll,	9 25	
John J. Grocut, pay roll,	2 00	
Sargent Coal Co., horses,	7 50	
L. B. Blaisdell, horses,	2 50	
		$ 25 75
Unexpended,		124 25
		$150 00
Appropriation,	$150 00	

REIMBURSEMENTS

Merrimac Town Improvement Society, overcharge on moth tax,	$ 3 94
Herman W. Kelley, on account of land assessed that is in Haverhill '09, '10, '11,	2 49
Mary Reardon, taxes paid in 1910 which should have been exempt,	1 83
Jean M. Reardon, taxes paid in 1910 which should have been exempt,	1 83
Catherine Brady, barn torn dawn,	2 60
Hiram E. Metcalf, paid in Amesbury,	2 60
	$15 29

No appropriation.

GYPSY AND BROWN TAIL MOTH

Pay Roll

Charles R. Ford, labor,	$362 24
Perry Marshall, labor,	353 00
W. C. Kelly, labor,	161 10
M. T. Kelly, labor,	110 20
L. D. Kennett, labor,	211 75
John B. Donahue, labor,	13 80
C. A. Carter, labor,	20 50
B. F. Carter, labor,	20 00
Elmer Day, labor,	22 50
E. A. Howieson, labor,	39 50
Hector Golin, labor,	18 00
Warren Woodburn, labor,	4 00
John Parker, labor,	32 00
James Stewart, labor,	18 00
	$1,386 59

Miscellaneous

Chas. R. Ford, horse hire,	$92 50
Clarence Brown, lock and key,	65
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	2 17
American Express Co., expressage,	2 34
G. W. England Machine Co., stock and labor,	3 65
John E. Currier, rent,	33 00
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	2 00
A. W. Brownell, printing,	5 50
G. E. Ricker, stamped envelopes,	5 62
Margaret E. Greeley, sending notices,	1 75
	$149 18

Appropriation, $ 531 01

Received from State treasurer,	406 44
C. R. Ford, on account private work,	9 24
C. R. Ford as refund,	1 20
Assessed to tax payers,	294 95
Due from State,	292 93
	$1,535 77

OIL LAMPS

(Bear Hill St.)

I. B. Little Co., supplies,	33
B. Harry Tidd, care,	8 75
Fred A. Smith, care,	6 25
Total,	$15 33
Unexpended,	14 67
	$30 00

Appropriation, $30.00.

STREET LIGHTS

Willis H. Scott, depreciation fund,	$754 02
Willis H. Scott, overdraft on construction,	146 01
	$900 03

REPAIRS INTERIOR TOWN HALL

Perry Elliott & Co., plumbing,		$ 47 55
H. O. Delano, door,		1 85
C. O. Libby, stock and labor,		12 20
J. E. Currier, lumber,		1 81
W. H. Streeter, painting,		50 00
W. A. Wood, heater and installing,		152 00
T. O'Brien, plastering rear exit,		45 00
		$310 41
Appropriation,	$250 00	
Overdrawn,	60 41	
		$310 41

CEMETERIES

Trustees, clerical work, recording etc.		$16 75
W. S. Pattee ,labor,		37 10
G. G. Davis, team,		3 75
		$57 60
Appropriation,	$50 00	
Overdrawn,	7 60	
		$57 60

COUNTY TAX

Willis H. Scott, treas.,	$1,780 58

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies,		$1 90
G. G. Davis, horse hire,		9 00
H. C. Manning, services as sealer,		18 25
Total,		$29 15
Unexpended balance,		44 86
		$74 01
Appropriation,	$50 00	
Received for fees,	24 01	
		$74 01

ESSEX COUNTY TRAINING SCHOOL

Essex County Training School, support,		$13 00
David J. Robinson, county treas., support,		18 86
		$31 86
Unexpended,		20 14
		$52 00
Appropriation,	$52 00	

STATE TAX

Willis H. Scott, treas.,	$1,925 00

NATIONAL BANK TAX

Willis H. Scott, treas.,	$1,969 28

STATE HIGHWAY TAX

Willis H. Scott, treas.,	$111 50

REPAIRS ON EXTERIOR TOWN HALL

Haverhill Construction Co., stock and labor,		$149 05
Unexpended,		150 95
		$300 00
Appropriation,	$300 00	

STATE AID

James C. Pease, treas.,		$ 204 00
Willis H. Scott, treas.,		976 00
		$1,180 00
Received and due from the state,	$1,180 00	

RAILING

J. T. Crosby, pay roll,		$ 22 10
J. B. Little Co., paint brushes etc.,		7 75
Moses Blatues, pipe for railing,		41 35
		$ 71 19
Unexpended,		28 81
		$100 00
Appropriation,	$100 00	

INTEREST

W. H. Scott, treas.,		$ 476 00
Unexpended,		578 09
		$1,054 09
Appropriation,	$ 800 00	
Received as interest on taxes and deposits,	254 09	
		$1,054 09

NOTES

Willis H. Scott, treas.,	$16,600 00
Director of the bureau of statistics,	6 00
	$16,606 00

No appropriation.

SIDEWALKS AND CROSSINGS

Haverhill Construction Co., concrete,		$223 78
Unexpended,		49 54
		$273 32
Appropriation,	$200 00	
Rec and due from abutters,	73 32	
		$273 32

STATISTICS FROM VALUATION BOOK

Total value of assessed estate,	$1,321,996 00
Valuation of real estate,	1,064,163 00
Valuation of personal estate,	257,833 00
Valuation of resident bank stock,	48,840 00
Tax on resident bank stock,	1,269 84
Valuation of non-resident bank stock,	71,160 00
Tax on non-resident bank stock,	1,850 16
Number of persons assessed,	1,137
Number of persons assessed on property,	798
Number of persons assessed on poll tax only,	339
Number of polls assessed,	621
Number of polls exempt,	45
Tax on polls,	1,242 00
Number of dwelling houses,	526
Number of horses,	163
Number of cows,	219
Number of sheep,	5
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	55
Number of swine,	40
Rate of taxation per thousand,	26 00
State tax,	$1,925 00
County tax,	$1,780 58
State highway tax,	$111 50

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Assets

Cash on hand,	$12,176 76
Uncollected taxes Jan. 1, 1912,	5,043 31
Due from Commonwealth,	72 97
City of Lawrence account of poor,	79 40
City of Haverhill account of poor,	20 50
City of Boston, account of poor,	22 85
County, widening E. Main St.,	350 00
State, Inspector of Animals,	25 00
For State and Military Aid,	180 00
Abutters, sidewalks,	17 32
State Acct. Gypsy and B. T. Moths,	292 93
Refund School Commiitee,	11 80
	$18,348 84

Liabilities

Funded Loan,	$12,800 00
Estimated outstanding bills,	138 97
Light Board,	600 00
Int. Light Notes,	96 00
Int. Light Bonds,	150 00
Int. Water Bonds,	1,470 00
Int. Funded Loan,	76 66
Salary Light Board,	91 67
Estimated Salary of Engineers and Treas.,	180 00
	$15,603 30
Net worth,	2,745 54
	$18,348 84

The amount of Kimball Park deficet of $1,000.00 is

not included in above assets, for the reason that is to be applied for certain purposes only.

JAMES W. BAILEY,
JOHN K. SARGENT,
HERBERT O. DELANO.
Selectmen of Merrimac.

RECAPITULATION

Department	Appropriated and Assessed for	Rec.&Due from other Sources	Total Revenue	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Schools, General, ...$8150	$ 9025 00	$ 707 00	$ 9732 00	$10106 10		$ 374 10
Transportation, ...500						
Supt., ...375						
Soldiers' Relief	200 00	74 00	274 00	229 75	$ 44 25	
Support of Poor	1900 00	201 72	2101 72	2343 63		241 91
Fire Dept.	1500 00		1500 00	1572 50		72 50
Forest Warden	150 00		150 00	25 75	124 25	
Highways and Bridges	1000 00	340 25	1340 25	1635 76		295 51
Snow and Washouts.....	500 00		500 00	217 59	282 41	
Permanent Road Making	600 00		600 00	913 00		313 00
Sidewalks and Crossings	200 00	73 32	273 32	223 78	49 54	
Town Officers	2095 00	25 00	2120 00	2475 72		355 72
Memorial Day	75 00		75 00	75 00		
Interest	800 00	254 09	1054 09	661 17	392 92	
Discount	200 00		200 00	227 07		27 07
Tree Warden	200 00		200 00	181 88	18 12	
Public Library	400 00		400 00	400 00		
Oil Lamps	30 00		30 00	15 33	14 67	

*Applied as required to be assessed by law.

To prove subtract the total of expended column from total revenue, and the result will be difference between the unexpended and overdrawn.

Department	Appropriated and Assessed for	Rec. & Due from other Sources	Total Revenue	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Railing	100 00		100 00	71 19	28 81	
Widening East Main St.	350 00	350 00	700 00	735 52		35 52
Miscellaneous	696 00	524 50	1220 50	874 72	345 78	
Board of Health	150 00		150 00	4 80	145 20	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth	531 01	1004 76	1535 77	1535 77		
Cemetery	50 00		50 00	57 60		7 60
Training School	52 00		52 00	31 86	20 14	
Abatement	1188 29		1188 29	416 56	771 73	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50 00	24 01	74 01	29 15	44 86	
Water Dept. Hydrant Service	1775 00		1775 00	1775 00		
Water Dept. Construction	897 99		897 99	746 87	151 12	
Water Dept. Maintenance	2831 74		2831 74	2831 74		
Electric Light Construction	250 00		250 00	396 01		146 01
Electric Light Maintenance	1835 82		1835 82	1835 82		
Bonding Town Officers	100 00		100 00	110 00		10 00
Insuring Town Property	475 00		475 00	519 47		44 47

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To prove substract the total of expended column from total revenue, and the result will be difference between the unexpended and overdrawn.

Department	Appropriated and Assessed for	Rec. & Due from other Sources	Total Revenue	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Repair Town Hall Interior	250 00		250 00	310 41		60 41
Repair Town Hall Outside.....	300 00		300 00	149 05	150 95	
Investigating Water						
Extension	100 00		100 00	38 50	61 50	
Town Landing	75 00		75 00	62 00	13 00	
Reimbursements				15 29		15 29
State Tax	1925 00		1925 00	1925 00		
Highway Tax	111 50		111 50	111 50		
County Tax	1780 58		1780 58	1780 58		
Outlay	1608 68		1608 68		* 1608 68	
	$36358 61	$3578 65	$39937 26	$37668 44	$4267 93	$ 1999 11

*Applied as required to be assessed by law.

To prove substract the total of expended column from total revenue, and the result will be difference between the unexpended and overdrawn.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Locust Grove Cemetery

Dr.

1911.

By bal. on hand as per last report,	$119 82
By cash, sale of lot,	25 00
Sale of locust posts,	1 00
Received grading lot,	8 00
Sale of loam,	4 50
Sale of lot,	15 00
Sale of lot,	25 00
Sale of lot,	25 00
Sale of lot,	8 00
Sale of locust posts,	2 00
On sale of lot,	10 00
For sale of lot,	25 00
For wood,	3 50
For sale of loam and posts,	9 00
From contingent fund,	50 00
	$330 82

Contingent fund in Merrimac Savings Bank, $404 73

Locust Grove Cemetery

1911.

Cr.

Melvin Hobson, 1910,	$ 3 25
Cash, April, paid W. S. Pattee, labor,	24 23

Cash, April, paid W. S. Pattee, labor,	14 23
Cash, Dec., paid W. S. Pattee, labor,	15 00
Cash, paid W. S. Pattee, labor,	23 65
Cash, May, paid Mass. Broken Stone Co.	46 73
Cash, May, B. & M. R. R., freight,	33 38
Cash, May, paid Sargent Coal Co., teaming,	2 25
Cash, May, paid A. O. Nicoe, teaming,	5 10
Cash, May, paid J. T. Crosby, teaming,	5 75
Cash, May, paid Thos. Houghton, labor and stock,	50 00
Cash, May, paid E. C. Little, teaming and broken stone,	6 60
Cash, May, paid Geo. Kittredge, labor,	13 00
Cash, Nov. paid Arthur Stewart,	18 87
Cash, Nov. paid I. B. Little Co., tools,	3 05
Cash, Nov., paid O. F. Bennett, water pipe,	2 94
Cash, Nov., paid G. G. Davis, teaming and man,	15 10
Cash, Nov., paid trustees, expense, stationery, stamps, permits, etc.,	7 00
Cash, Nov., paid superintendent, clerical work, deeds, recording,	8 00
	$298 13
Deposits in First National Bank,	32 69
	$330 82

GEO. G. LARKIN,
C. A. LANCASTER,
C. E. ROWELL,
Trustees.

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Church Street and Lower Corner Cemeteries

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

MEMORANDUM

Dr.

1911.		
To cash received for hay,	$ 4 50	
Appropriation,	50 00	
		$54 50

Cr.

W. S. Pattee, labor for season,	$37 10	
G. G. Davis, teaming and man,	3 75	
		$40 85
Cash unexpended,		13 65

Dr.

To selectmen's orders on town treasurer, $40 85

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. LARKIN, Supt.,
C. A. LANCASTER,
C. E. ROWELL,
Trustees.

PERPETUAL CARE OF LOTS

Under Massachusetts Laws, Revised Statutes, 1902, Chap. 78, Sec. 24 of Cemeteries and Burials.

A town in which Cemetery Commissioners or Trustees are chosen may receive gifts or bequests for maintaining cemeteries or cemetery lots, which shall be paid into the town treasury of said town and with the accounts thereof, shall be kept separate from the other money and accounts of said town; the town treasurer shall invest all such funds in accordance with the stipulations, if any accompany them; otherwise he shall invest them as ordered by the Selectmen and Commissioners or Trustees, and pay the income therefrom upon their order, or with their approval.

The income only can be used under this law.

Church Street Cemetery

Book No. 4,119. Thos C. Sawyer lot.

Available and earnings to Oct., 1911,	$5 63
Care and expended by trustees,	5 30
Available for 1912,	$ 33

Book No. 4,205. J. L. and S. Merrill lot.

Available and income to Oct., 1911,	$14 22
Expended for care by trustees,	6 15
Available for 1912,	$ 8 07

Book No. 4,232. Moses Goodrich lot.

Available and income to Oct., 1911,	$3 79
Expended by trustees,	3 75
Available for 1912,	$ 04

Book No. 4,684. Frederick Sargent lot.

Available and income to Oct., 1911,	$7 93
Expended by trustees,	6 80
Available for 1912,	$1 13

Book No. 4,324. E. N. Sargent lot.

Available and income to Oct., 1911,	2 97
Expended by trustees,	2 75
Available for 1912,	$ 22

Book No. 4,787. Wm. P. Colby lot.

Available and income for 1911,	$15 40
Expended by trustees,	6 25
Available for 1912,	$ 9 15

Book No. 4,790. Leonard Hoyt lot.

Available and income to Oct., 1911,	$4 33
Expended by trustees,	3 00
Available for 1912,	$1 33

Book No. 4,828. J. Warren Sargent lot.

Available and income for 1911,	$4 33
Expended by trustees,	4 15
Available for 1912,	$ 18

Book No. 4,844. Jacob Rowell and Day lot.

Available and income for 1911,	$12 80
Expended by trustees,	7 80
Available for 1912,	$ 5 00

Book No. 4,918. Wm. Gunnison lot.

Available and income for 1911,	$4 72
Expended by trustees,	3 50
Available for 1912,	$1 22

Book No. 4,977. John Bancroft lot.

Income to Oct., 1911,	$2 39
Expended by trustees,	1 50
Available for 1912,	$ 89

Book No. 4,978. Capt. A. Bancroft lot.

Income to Oct., 1911,	$1 89
Expended by trustees,	1 25
Available for 1912,	$ 64

Book No. 5,066. Isaac Jones lot.

Income to Oct., 1911,	1 75
Expended by trustees,	1 75
	0 00

Book No. 5,146. Etta H. Colby $100.00 deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank, 1911, for care of her and family lot, income only to be used for care.

Book 5,147. Mrs. Gilman S. Hoyt, $100.00 deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank for care of Job Hoyt family lot, income only to be used for care.

Lower Corner

Book No. 4,194. Patten Sargent lot.

Available and income to October dividend, 1911,	$55 80
Expended by trustees,	8 00
Available for 1912,	$47 80

Book No. 3,335. Jonathan Sargent lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$20 07
Expended by trustees,	7 50
Available for 1912,	$12 57

Book No. 4,450. Henry Sargent lot.

Income to October dividend,	$1 91
Expended by trustees,	1 91
	0 00

Book No. 4,806. Isaac Whittier lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$3 90
Expended by trustees,	3 50
Available for 1912,	$ 40

Book No. 4,679. Dr. J. E. Prescott lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$4 80
Expended by trustees,	7 10
Available for 1912,	$ 30

Book No. 4,683. D. J. Poore lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$15 35
Expended by trustees,	8 65
Available for 1912,	$ 6 70

Book No. 4,713. O. W. Little lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$3 87
Expended by trustees,	3 85
Available for 1912,	$ 2

Book No. 4,917. Dr. A. F. Pattee lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$6 62
Expended by trustees,	4 25
Available for 1912,	$ 2 37

Book No. 4,958. Isaac B. Little lot.

Available and income to October dividend,	$13 04
Expended by trustees,	7 50
Available for 1912,	$ 5 94

Book No. 5,091. J. H. Little and Fred A. Loud lot. A. Linder Little fund $150.

Income to October dividend,	$1 31
Expended by trustees,	1 31
	0 00

Book No. 5,080. Henry E. Crosby lot. $50.00 accumulating.

Book No. 4,981. T. D| Nelson lot. $150.00 accumulating.

Book No. 5,157. Phineas Chase lot. $100.00, Oct., 1911.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fred W. George, Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac:

Dr.

To 1911 tax list and additions,	$38,275 38
Uncollected last report,	1,683 80
Excise tax,	340 25
Interest received,	109 79
	$40,409 22

Cr.

By cash paid town treasurer,	$34,722 28
Discounts,	227 07
Abatements, 1905,	20
1906,	4 06
1907,	7 48
1908,	10 33
1909,	14 12
1910,	32 22
1911,	348 15
Uncollected taxes, 1905,	1 96
1906,	6 00
1907,	6 20
1908,	6 40
1909,	2 00
1910, (resident)	37 21
1910, (non-resident)	12 18
1911, (resident)	1,321 57
1911 (non-resident)	667 96

Uncollected moth taxes, 1908,	3 00
1909,	3 25
1910,	7 52
1911,	36 53
Attitash Park taxes, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910,	58 93
Attitash Park taxes, 1911,	147 03
Due from firemen,	121 47
Collected since Dec. 31,	2,604 10
	$40,409 22

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Uncollected Taxes for 1905

Richardson, Hannah M., heirs or devisees,	$1 96

Uncollected Taxes for 1906

Richardson, Hannah M., heirs or devisees,	$4 00
Wentworth, C. A.,	2 00

Uncollected Taxes for 1907

Richardson, Hannah M., heirs or devisees,	$4 20
Wentworth, C. A.,	2 00

Uncollected Taxes for 1908

Richardson, Hannah M., heirs or devisees,	$4 40
Wentworth, C. A.,	2 00

Uncollected Taxes for 1909

Wentworth, C. A.,	2 00

Uncollected Resident Taxes for 1910

Collins, Arthur,	2 00
Jackman, Mrs. C. L., bal.,	15 94
Oulson, Arthur,	4 40
Sayre, Ida, bal.,	14 87

Uncollected Non-Resident Taxes for 1910

Noone, Francis,	3 42
Richardson, Hannah M., heirs and Laura Stage,	6 48
Stacy, Timothy,	2 28

Uncollected Resident Taxes for 1911

Battis, J. William,	$15 53
Elmer E., bal.,	15 86
Blanchard, Fred'k W.,	28 65
Burke, Mary Ida, bal.,	29 78
Carroll, Harry G.,	2 00
Colby, Willie,	2 00
Currier, John E.,	665 78
Caroline, heirs,	79 30
Dodge, Gladden,	2 00
Eldridge, Wallace, bal.,	9 10
Finn, William,	67 65
Haggerty, Katherine, heirs,	7 80
Heath, Eva,	10 79
Hopkins, Eugene L.,	2 00
Howieson, Rufus, bal.,	16 60
Jackman, Mrs. C. L.,	27 30
Keogh, John,	2 00
Livermore, Chas. Jr., to be paid by Chas. Stuart,	29 90
McGregor, Ora, bal.,	58 00
Ordway, Carl, bal.,	1 04
Pearsons, John W.,	2 00
Roberts, Ed.,	4 60
Sargent & Currier,	9 49
Sargent, E. N., heirs,	39 00
Sayre, Ida,	110 50
Shattuck, Plouden,	2 00
Smith, Harry O.,	2 00
Sorenson, R. R., bal.,	22 30
Tilton, Geo. H., (Merrimack street)	28 00

Uncollected Non-Resident Taxes, 1911

Brown, Mrs. John S.,	$15 60
Evans, C. M.,	15 60
Greeley, Mrs. Michael,	3 25
Grimm, Sara A.,	28 60
Lockrow, David M.,	11 70
Lake Attitash Ice & Transportation Co.,	92 43
Merrill, Florenton,	1 30
Monahan, Thomas,	19 50
Noone, Francis,	3 90
Rawson, W. W., heirs,	186 42
Richardson, Hannah M., heirs and Laura D. Stage,	7 80
Sargent, Alvah W.	69 03
Schenardi, Louis,	41 60
Snow, E. L.,	142 63
Young, Louis,	28 60

Late Assessments

Jewell, E. L.,	28 60

Uncollected Moth Taxes for 1908

Noone, Margaret,	$3 00

Uncollected Moth Taxes for 1909

Noone, Margaret,	2 50
Francis,	75

Uncollected Moth Taxes for 1910

Merrill, Florenton,	70
Sayre, Ida,	4 32
Stacy, Timothy,	2 50

Uncollected Moth Taxes for 1911

Currier, Caroline, heirs,	42
John E.,	4 22
Eldridge, Wallace,	83
Finn, William,	2 35

Grimm, Sara A.,	1 50
Hunt, Mrs. Geo.,	1 09
Haggerty, Katherine, heirs,	1 50
Heron, Gertrude,	1 75
Lockrow, David M.,	1 75
Lake Attitash Ice & Transportation Co.,	4 50
Sargent, E. N., heirs,	43
Snow, E. L.,	6 05
Sayre, Ida,	2 86
Sawyer,	3 86
Taylor, Pearl I.,	3 23
Young, Lewis,	19

(Signed) F. W. GEORGE,

Tax Collector, Town of Merrimac.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Willis H. Scott, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Merrimac.

REVENUE RECEIVED

F. W. George, collector of taxes,	$34,501 42
Notes, anticipation of taxes,	14,814 83
Sargent Hall,	167 50
City of Haverhill, poor account,	35 00
J. C. Pease, refund,	2 75
Junk license,	25 00
Pool license,	2 00
Court fees,	18 00
Interest on deposit,	144 30
First National Bank, rent,	300 00
Sale of stove,	10 00
Sealer of weights and measures,	24 01

MOTH DEPARTMENT

State treasurer,	406 44
C. R. Ford, private work,	7 89
Selectmen, refund,	1 20
State treasurer, animal inspector,	25 00
sick paupers,	133 22
Public service corporation tax,	66 82
Corporation business tax,	1,397 47
National bank tax,	123 20
Military aid,	84 00
State aid,	1,084 00
Burial of soldiers,	74 00
Street railway tax,	5 46

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Tuition of children,	207 00
Acount of superintendent,	500 00
W. H. Scott, collector Water Dept.,	4,290 10
W. H. Scott, collector Light Dept.,	6,095 84
J. C. Pease, treasurer, balance,	8,737 94
	$73,284 39

NON-REVENUE

Light Dept., settlement order,	$ 970 95
Light Dept., overdraft,	146 01
Water Department, settlement order,	753 99
	$75,155 34

Expended

Selectmen's Orders,	
County tax,	$ 1,780 58
State tax,	1,925 00
National bank tax,	1,969 28
State highway tax,	111 50
State aid,	976 00
Notes,	16,600 00
Interest,	476 00
Miscellaneous bills paid,	13,324 25
School Department,	
Miscellaneous bills paid,	8,129 57
Light Department,	
Miscellaneous bills paid,	7,221 83
Bond No. 7,	500 00
Interest on notes,	96 00
Interest on bonds,	160 50

Water Department,	
Miscellaneous bills paid,	4,692 57
Bonds,	3,500 00
Interest,	1,540 00
Balance,	12,176 76
	$75,179 34
State aid orders outstanding,	24 00
	$75,155 34

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Sarah A. Pattee fund,	$175 00
Interest unexpended,	2 37
Sarah A. Pattee fund,	125 00
Interest unexpended,	1 22
Mabel Jones Shepardson fund,	100 00
Mrs. Gilman S. Hoyt fund,	100 00
Etta Colby fund,	100 00
Phineas Chase fund,	100 00
Henry E. Crosby fund,	50 00
Interest,	88
I. B. Little fund,	337 87
Interest unexpended,	6 44
John Bancroft fund,	50 00
Interest unexpended,	89
Aaron Bancroft fund,	50 00
Interest unexpended,	64
Thomas D. Nelson fund,	150 00
Interest unexpended,	7 22
Linda Little fund,	150 00
Park Fund.	
Judith W. Kimball fund,	1,000 00

Public Library Funds.	
A. E. Goodwin fund,	200 00
Interest unexpended,	84 00
James Whittier fund,	400 00
Interest unexpended,	23 70
Depreciation Fund Electric Light Dept.	
Deposit,	2,077 62
Interest,	36 31
Eliza M. Sawyer fund,	$114 00
Interest unexpended,	34
Emily S. Goodwin fund,	250 00
Interest unexpended,	50 48
John L. and Sophia Merrill fund,	200 00
Interest unexpended,	7 97
M. E. Sargent, fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	12 51
Moses Goodrich fund,	100 00
W. A. Paine fund,	50 00
J. E. Prescott fund,	125 00
Interest unexpended,	30
Rhoda S. Poore fund, "D. J. Poore"	300 00
Interest unexpended,	6 70
Rhoda S. Poore fund, "F. Sargent,"	200 00
Interest unexpended,	1 13
Otis W. Little fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	02
Susan G. Sargent fund,	75 00
Interest unexpended,	1 72
Marietta B. Sargent fund,	250 00
Interest unexpended,	9 25
Caroline S. Noyes fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	1 33
Adeline Whittier fund,	100 00
Interest unexpended,	1 40
J. Warren Sargent fund,	100 00

Interest unexpended,	18
Ruth C. Rowell fund,	200 00
Interest unexpended,	5 00

The town debt is made up of the following amounts:

Water bonds at 4 percent,	$73,500 00
Maturing $3,500.00 yearly July 15, 1912 to July 15, 1932, inclusive.	
Electric light bonds at 4 percent,	7,500 00
Maturing $500.00 yearly July 15, 1912 to July 15, 1926, inclusive.	
Electric light notes at 4 percent,	4,800 00
Maturing $600.00 yearly Jan. 5, 1912 to Jan. 5, 1919, inclusive.	
Funding notes at 3 1-2 percent,	12,800 00
Maturing $1,600.00 yearly May 1, 1912 to May 1, 1919, inclusive.	
Interest paid on funding and anticipation of tax notes,	661 17
Interest received on deposit,	144 30
Balance,	$516 87

Massachusetts School Fund

Received from J. C. Pease, treasurer,	$832 17
School department, bills paid,	785 05
Balance,	$ 47 12

Merrimac Public Library

Received town appropriation,	$400 00
Trust funds,	60 14
Fines, cards, etc.,	24 65
	$484 79

Expended

Trustees' bills paid,	430 79
Balance,	54 00
	$484 79

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS H. SCOTT, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

James C. Pease, Treasurer, in account with the Town of Merrimac, Mass.

Receipts

Balance on hand,		$12,006 96
Treasurer of State, corporation tax,	$ 24 36	
Town of Amesbury, tuition,	10 00	
Geo. W. Cate, court fees,	2 00	
City of Lawrence, paupers,	64 51	
School committee, dog tax refunded,	201 21	
Supplies sold,	1 20	
C. R. Ford, supt. private work on moths,	1 35	
Light dept., W. H. Scott, collections,	1,555 17	
F. W. George, collector of taxes,	220 86	
		$ 2,080 66
		$14,087 62

Expenditures

Selectmen's orders,	$2,484 10	
Light dept., orders:		
Miscellaneous bills paid,	516 99	
Light note,	600 00	
Interest on light note,	108 00	
Interest on light bonds,	160 00	
School board, orders,	1,959 28	
		$ 5,828 37
Balance on hand,		8,259 25
		$14,087 62

WATER DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Balance on hand,	$2,619 56
W. H Scott, collections,	1,200 00
	$3,819 56

Expenditures

Water Board orders:	
Miscellaneous bills paid,	$2,017 27
Balance on hand,	1,802 29
	$3,819 56

MASS. SCHOOL FUND

Receipts

Balance on hand,	$161 03
Treasurer of State,	780 73
	$941 76

Expenditures

School Board, orders:	
Miscellaneous bills paid,	$109 59
Balance on hand,	832 17
	$941 76

MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY

Receipts

Balance on hand,		$57 27
Librarian:		
Fines,	$24 53	
Sale of catalogues,	1 30	
Sale of cards,	85	
		$26 68
Overdraft,		7 63
		$91 58

Expenditures

Orders of trustees,	$91 58

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. PEASE, Treasurer.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Births

Number of births returned,	31
Males,	15
Females,	16
Father native born,	18
Mother native born,	23
Father and moter both native born,	16
Father and mother both foreign born,	6

Marriages

Number of marriages recorded,	21
First marriage of groom,	15
First marriage of bride,	19
Grooms native born,	17
Brides native born,	21
Average age of groom,	34 years, 5 months
Average age of bride,	29 years, 6 months

Deaths

Number of deaths recorded,	34
Males,	17
Females,	17
Under five years,	1
Males native born,	11
Females native born,	15
Of native parentage,	20
Of foreign parentage,	8
Of mixed parentage,	4

Of mixed par entage,	4
Average age,	67 years, 10 months, 14 days
Oldest person,	96 years, 4 months, 28 days

Dogs

Number of dogs licensed,	98
Males,	89
Females,	9

CLIFTON B. HEATH, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF KIMBALL PARK

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

The Trustees of Kimball Park in making their third annual report would say that during the past year the park has been brought into a more finished state.

We completed grading last spring and under the direction of Mr. F. W. Spinney of Haverhill shrubs were planted, grass seed sown and paths laid out, so that during the past summer, as you have probably noticed, the park began to show some of its beauties.

Soon after the shrubs were planted the extremely dry weather began and we think many of them would have died had not the Water Commissioners laid a supply pipe to the centre of the park, thus allowing us to water the shrubs with a hose, for which they have our thanks.

We also thank Mr. Amos Weed of San Diego, Calif., for his generous gift of $50.,

Mr. Spinney was of great help to us with his advice and proposed to set out the shrubs, etc. and wait for payment in order that we might get an earlier start, which he did, and we have thus gained a year in their growth. His bill was $128.14 on which we have paid $50.

Receipts

Balance per last report,	$ 7 85	
Amos Weed, contribution,	50 00	
Interest of Park fund,	45 47	
		$103 32

Expenses

Labor,	$40 71	
Grass seed,	2 50	
Hose,	6 00	
F. W. Spinney, accounts shrubs,	50 00	
Sundries,	97	
		$100 18
Balance, cash on hand.		$ 3 14

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. SARGENT,
W. L. CHALONER,
FREDERICK C. GRANT,

Trustees.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen, I herewith submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending Dec. 31, 1911:

Number of arrests,	17

Charged as follows:

Assault,	7
Drunk,	8
Insane,	1
Riding bicycle on sidewalk,	1

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. MINAHAN,
Chief of Police.

SARGENT HALL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:—Sargent Hall has been opened for the year 1911, 45 times, 12 of which were free openings.

Received for rent of hall,	$255 00
Janitor's service,	87 50
Paid town treasurer,	$167 50

H. C. MANNING, Janitor.

SEALER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Gentlemen:

Platform scales over 5,000 lbs. sealed,	4
Platform scales under 5,000 lbs. sealed,	18
Computing scales sealed,	6
All other scales sealed,	25
All other scales condemned,	3
Weights sealed,	148
Dry measures sealed,	33
Liquid measures sealed,	32
Liquid measures condemned,	3
Oil and molasses pumps sealed,	4
Linear measures sealed,	4
Test weighings in stores,	6
Inspection milk wagons,	3
Inspection peddlers' teams,	5
Sealing fees collected,	$24 01

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. MANNING, Sealer.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEES' REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac:

Your trustees in submitting this their thirty sixth annual report are pleased to say that the patronage of library has been well sustained during the year now closing. The number of books circulated this year has been somewhat larger than last, each month showing a gain over last year. Of the books added during the year we would specially mention the agricultural books, bought by request of the local grange. We hope that these books will be freely used by all whose interests run in that direction, Doctor Lord's Beacon Lights of History, just put into the library are very interesting, and instructive books, and well worth reading. The "Book of Knowledge" or "Child's Cyclopedia" recently added, contains a vast fund of information for readers of all ages and we hope these books will be used freely.

There have been added to the library during the year 161 books, of which 90 volumes were purchased by the trustees from the regular appropriation, 39 volumes purchased by the trustees from the income of the James Whittier fund, five volumes presented by the U. S. government, 20 volumes presented by the Commonwealth and 7 volumes presented by the following parties, each party contributing one volume. Geo. Routledge & Sons, London, England; Trow Press, New York; Gunthrop Warren & Co., Chicago; A. M. Brewster, Newburyport; A. R. Graves; D. M. Tipton and H. B. Turner.

The monthly circulation of books has been as follows:

March	861	Sept.	705
April	812	Oct.	638
May	634	Nov.	730
June	695	Dec.	642
July	674	Jan. 1912,	782
August	494		

A total of 7,667 volumes.

To maintain the efficiency of the library we would ask for an appropriation of $400 the same as last year.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance from last year,	$ 57 27
Fines, cards, catalogues from L. C. Brackett Lib.	29 43
Withdrawn from Goodwin fund,	4 88
Town appropriation,	400 00
From income of the James Whittier fund,	60 14
Fines, cards, catalogues etc. from S. I. Sayre Lib.	24 65
	$576 37

Payments

Expense of addition to library, lumber,	$ 16 38
Expense of addition to library, labor, carpenter work,	19 70
Expense of addition to library, painting,	6 88
Expense of addition to library, supplies used,	1 50
D. M. Means for repairing and painting sign,	10 50
Labels for books,	2 65
L. C. Brackett, salary to March 1st,	50 00
L. C. Brackett, sundry small expenses,	2 25

Zenas Lovell, for supplies,	4 00
Repairing curtains,	40
Magazines,	29 55
Heating rooms,	25 00
W. B. Sargent, expense for express, postage, and supplies,	7 14
Magazines, Binding	~~25 00~~ 26.90
Books bought with the regular funds of the library,	103 08
Books bought with the income of the James Whittier fund,	60 14
S. I. Sayre, salary to Dec. 1st,	150 00
S. I. Sayre, sundry small expenses for cleaning rooms, etc.,	6 30
Reserved for balance of librarian's salary due March 1st,	50 00
Balance on hand,	4 00
	$576 37

Schedule of the property of the Merrimac Public Library from which income is derived.

A. E. Goodwin fund with interest to Oct. 1911	$284 00 295.40
James Whittier fund with interest to Oct. 1911	~~448 20~~ 432.70

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. HOYT,
J. F. PEASE,
H. O. DELANO,
C. W. CUTTS,
B. F. SMITH,
W. B. SARGENT,

Trustees.

TOWN LANDINGS

To the Selectmen of Merrimac, Gentlemen:—

At an adjourned meeting of the town of "Almsbury," Apr. 2, 1753. Capt. Thos. Rowell, Orlando Bagly, Esq., and Capt. Jonathan Barnard were "chosen a committee to rectify ye bounds of all ye Landing places in ye Town of Almsbury and to make report of all ye incumbrances that is thereon at ye next Town meeting."

Two of the landing places mentioned in this report dated May 25, 1753 are in the town of Merrimac.

One called "Cottle's Landing," is situated at the foot of Locust street, and extends easterly from said Locust street., produced to the river, to land formerly of Michael Hagerty and is described in the report of said committee as follows:

"At Cottle's Ianding so-called beginning at Merrimac River on ye easterly side of ye highway at half tide then running northerly thirteen rods from ye river to a stone fixed in ye ground four rods and a half east and be north from ye east side of Jonathan Clements well then running easterly about fifteen rods and a half to a stake and stones being twelve rods westerly from ye line between Whittier and Currier land and from ye stake and stones running southeasterly or there about ten rods to Merrimac River to Low Water Mark, being eight rods from ye aforesaid line between Whittier and Currier and about 21 rods from ye highway at ye river first mentioned and we find no incumbrance on said Landing."

The other, called "Clabord Landing" is situated at the foot of the road leading from the Plain's Cemetery to the river near the house formerly of Wm. A. Currier and the committee report as follows: "We have allso bounded out ye Landing at ye Clabord Landing place so-called by Benjamin Hoags beginning at ye north east corner a stone fixed in ye ground at ye corner of ye fence that divided ye land between Thos Nickols and John Nickols being three rods and a half northerly from ye bank of ye river from said stone and westerly to a nother stone fixed in ye ground by ye fence before Benjamin Hoags house a bout one rod and half southeasterly from a small apel tree being fore rods and a half north from ye bank from thence westerly to an other stone fixed in ye ground a bout one feet north of ye fence as it now stands at ye highway as was formerly layd out being five rods and a half northerly from ye Eage of ye bank there being a small part of Benjamin Hoags fence standing on ye Landing."

"At a meeting of ye inhabitants of ye town of Almsbury May ye 28th 1753 within was excepted and allowed by said town and ordered to be recorded."

"Duck-hole Landing," so-called, near the junction of the river road and the road over the hill passing the house of the late Chas. N. Sargent, lies on either side of the brook entering the Merrimack river near this point, and extends from the land of Maude H. Rose (formerly Tozier) to land of William H. Currier. The boundaries of this landing are obtained by surveying adjacent property.

J. P. TITCOMB, C. E.

Amesbury, Mass.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Merrimac, Mass.

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in submitting for your consideration my third annual report as Auditor of the Town of Merrimac, Massachusetts, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1911.

I have made a careful and thorough audit of the books and accounts of the Assessors, Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Water and Light Departments; and find them to be well kept; and to be correct with the exceptions as herein stated in the latter part of this report.

The statement of the orders drawn by the several departments, and the same as paid by the Town Treasurer, follows:

Orders drawn in 1911:—	
Selectmen's Department,	$40,073 43
Water Department,	11,749 84
Light Department,	9,383 39
School Department,	10,106,10
	$71,312 76
The Treasurer has paid during the year,	
Selectmen's Department,	$39,646 71
Water Department,	11,749 84
Light Department,	9,362 82
School Department,	10,086 10
	$70,845 47

Selectmen's Orders Outstanding,	
No. 1,359, $1.25; No. 1,372, $4.00; No. 1,388, $2.83; No. 1,358, $67.65; No. 1,353, $12.00; No. 1363, $3.00; No. 1,397, $24.00; No. 1,401, $15.00; No. 1,399, $35.60; No. 1,381, $25.00; No. 1,355, $30.12; No. 1,356, $15.75; No. 1,405, $104.08; No. 1,404, $2.00; No. 1,377, $25.00; No. 1,396, $2.60; No. 1,398, $4.34; No. 1,402, $23.50; No. 1,403, $4.00; No. 1,400, $25.00,	$ 426 72
Light Order No. 826, outstanding,	20 57
School Order No. 708, outstanding,	20 00
	$71,312 76

In last year's report Water Order No. 1,196 for $7.98 was outstanding. As this order has not been turned in for payment to the Treasurer during the year just closed; it still leaves this 1910 order outstanding.

Order 710 of the School Department was drawn by mistake as the bill which was for $11.80 was not one against the town; hence this amount will necessarily be refunded to the town through the office of the Treasurer.

It is undoubtedly a matter for gratification to the citizens to be informed that the funded debt of the town has been decreased $7,000.00 during the past year, making the present worth of the town, $82,800.00 exclusive of debt; that is: the worth of the town is $183,500.00 and the present liability as represented by the funded debt is $100,700.00.

Owing to a slight error in the statement of the worth in the Assessors book:—instead of an abstract therefrom; I present herewith the exact statement of the assets and liabilities of the town, mentioned above, at the close of business December 31, 1911.

TOWN OF MERRIMAC, MASSACHUSETTS

Assets

School houses and contents,	$ 24,000 00
Public library,	4,000 00
Other public buildings,	24,000 00
Cemeteries,	3,500 00
Water works,,	100,000 00
Fire apparatus,	7,500 00
Main street park,	500 00
Other assets,	20,000 00
	$183,500 00

Liabilities

Water works,	$ 73,500 00
Other Debts,	27,200 00
	$100,700 00
Net worth of town,	$ 82,800 00

In explanation of the above increase in net worth ot reduction in debt as one may desire to call it; the division of the difference (that is the $7,000) is as follows:—

Reduction of notes on the funded debt, made by cash payment,	$6,200 00
Increase in valuation of Public Library property, upon investigation it having been found to have been far undervalued,	1,000 00
	$7,200 00
Offset in estimate of other debts,	200 00
Increase in worth in 1911,	$7,000 00

I wish to express my appreciation to all those who have so kindly co-operated with me in my work in the postition of auditor during the past year, and venture the thought as I now feel obliged to relinquish the office that in my three years in your behalf I have tried to serve you as well I could, and as best I knew how.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT P. WADLEIGH.

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Board of Water Commissioners and Municipal Light Board

1911

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Water Commissioners herein submit their eighth annual report for the year ending December 31, 1911.

Additions to the plant for the year have been 18 services with a total of 494, and there are 480 in use.

The receipts from water rates show an increase over last year of $600.59.

The repair bills have been unusually heavy owing to the retubing of the boilers which are now in first-class shape.

On September 18 one of the boilers was ruptured, at that time the other boiler was being retubed and this caused a shut down for three days; the property loss was covered by insurance which was paid promptly on presentation of the claim.

ESTIMATES FOR THE ENSUING YEAR

Gross expense of operating plant,	$5,343 17	
Bond payments,	3,500 00	
Interest payments,	2,870 00	
Construction,	100 00	
		$11,813 17

INCOME

Cash on hand,	$2,610 74	
From water rates,	5,000 00	

From light department,	300 000	
We recommend that the town appropriate:		
For water for municipal use,	1,775 00	
For construction,	100 00	
And balance for maintenance,	2,027 43	
		$11,813 17

COST OF CONSTRUCTION

	Dec. 31, 1910.
Pumping station,	$ 6,631 74
Boilers,	3,473 70
Pumps,	5,889 06
Coal shed,	339 60
Road to station,	272 00
Suction pipe,	2,369 86
Pipe line,	24,778 33
Pipe laying,	11,982 03
Clearing groud,	620 08
Stand pipe,	6,165 21
Investigating committee,	2,344 12
Meters,	3,074 90
Engineering,	3,000 00
Freight and express,	245 99
Miscellaneous,	961 93
Salaries,	1,500 00
Land,	3,475 34
Laying service pipe,	5,978 38
Laying service pipe, 1911,	746 87
Reservior at station,	137 99
	$83,987 13

INVENTORY

Construction material on hand,	$438 19

CONSTRUCTION

G. P. Anderson, pipe and fittings,	$359 84	
American Express Co., expressage,	1 90	
F. C. Williams, labor,	1 30	
G. G. Davis, team,	132 50	
W. A. Bailey, superintendent, pay roll,	539 76	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	6 33	
Walker Carriage Co., supplies,	40	
N. L. Howe, supplies,	70	
National Meter Co., supplies,	9 60	
Builders Iron Foundry, service boxes,	40 80	
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	4 41	
Jonah & George, supplies,	4 67	
Sargent Coal Co., supplies,	6 18	
W. A. Bailey, expense,	2 50	
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	1 20	
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1 44	
Hanscom Hardware Co., supplies,	9 00	
O. F. Bennett, supplies,	1 50	
		$1,124 03

Appropriations,	$ 897 99	
Received for laying service pipe,	214 94	
Received from Light Department, for team and labor,	162 22	
Balance unexpended,		151 12
	$1,275 15	$1,275 15

MAINTENANCE

Repairs

Hanscom Hardware Co., supplies,	$	51
G. G. Davis, team,	15	25
Guy Bros., repairing boilers,	36	45
G. P. Anderson, supplies,	3	90
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	28	22
B. & M. R. R., freight,		10
Deane Steam Pump Co., supplies,	46	80
T. C. Story, supplies,	1	32
E. W. Roberts, stock and labor,	4	75
N. L. Howe, stock and labor,	2	02
G. W. England, machine work,	18	74
American Express Co., expressage,	6	50
National Meter Co., supplies,	4	37
Norwood Engineering Co., supplies,		50
E. H. Alexander, supplies,	4	00
Scannell Boiler Works, cheeks and arches,	35	48
Neptune Meter Co., supplies,	6	60
W. A. Bailey, superintendent, pay roll,	20	87
David Roy, stock and labor,	47	55
Scannell Boiler Works, tubes,	535	00
J. C. Libby, stock and labor,	7	95
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	1	96
Guy Bros., repairing rupture,	55	45
Guy Bros., retubing boilers,	178	90
Mrs. F. H. Hargraves, supplies,	2	50
Ingalls Garage, transporting workmen,	6	00
Crosby Steam Gage and Valve Co., supplies,	2	70
J. E. Currier, supplies,		95
O. F. Bennett, supplies,	8	52
W. A. Bailey, expense,	1	25
F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	2	00
	$1,087	11

Jobbing

W. A. Bailey, labor,	$1 20	
		$ 1 20

Oil and Waste

B. & M. R. R., freight,	$ 1 65
G. P. Anderson, oil and waste,	168 30
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	5 76
	$175 71

Salaries

W. A. Bailey, superintendent,	$550 00
W. A. Bailey, commissioner,	12 50
J. L. Howe, commissioner,	12 50
W. H. Scott, commissioner,	12 50
	$587 50

Fuel

Light Department, fuel,	$970 95

Supplies to Station

American Express Co., expressage,	$ 3 89
G. P. Anderson, supplies,	54 55
B. & M. R. R., freight,	86
A. McInnis, trucking,	20
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	9 26
Stillman Carmichael Co., supplies,	6 50
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	13 27
Crosby Steam Gage & Valve Co., charts,	1 50
	$90 03

Wages at Station

T. C. Story, engineer,	$939 00

Office

G. E. Ricker, P. M., stamps and box rent,	$29 80
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service and rental,	49 62
Merrimac Job Print, printing,	30 25
Sargent Coal Co., fuel,	76 94
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	54
A. B. Sawyer, supplies,	99
H. H. Story, supplies,	1 50
Zenas Lovell & Co., supplies,	90
J. E. Muldoon, stock and labor,	3 77
	$194 31

Bonds and Interest

Bond payment,	$3,500 00	
Interest, payment,	3,080 00	
		$ 6,580 00
Total,		$11,749 84

BALANCE SHEET

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1911,	$2,611 76	
Appropriations,	5,504 73	
Received from water rates,		5,176 00
For laying service pipe,	214 94	
Miscellaneous,	32 80	
Insurance,	60 90	
For jobbing,	4 25	
Repairing service pipe,	1 21	
From Light Department, rent,	300 00	
From Light Dept., oil and waste,	152 77	
From Light Dept., supplies,	52 40	
From Light Dept., office expense,	86 60	
From Light Dept., team and labor,	162 22	
		$14,360 58

Expended

For construction,	$ 1,124 03	
Maintenance,	10,625 81	
Cash balance Jan. 1, 1912,	2,610 74	
		$14,360 58

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To outstanding bills including interest due Jan. 15,	$ 1,705 67

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By cash on hand,	$2,610 74	
Fuel on hand,	239 97	
Supplies on hand,	45 60	
		$ 2,896 31

WILLIS H. SCOTT,
JAMES L. HOWE,
WARREN A. BAILEY,
Board of Water Commissioners.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD

The Municipal Light Board herein submit their eighth annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1911.

During the year we have added 11 lighting services and there are in use 87 lighting services and 8 power services.

The receipts while exceeding our estimate by $192.00 fall short of last year's receipts by $1,107.25, this is due to the business depression of the early part of the year, and to the loss of two power takers.

There was delivered at the switchboard 218,155 K. W. H. for the year, for power 135,460, street lights 36,935, commercial lights 45,720.

We wish to call attention to the fact that minimum charge for lighting has been reduced to $9.00 per year. We think that this with the increased efficiency of the tungsten lamp should induce many more houses to install the lights.

In compliance with the law the manager has furnished the Board with the following estimates of income and expense for the ensuing year:

ESTIMATED EXPENSE

Gross expense of operation, maintenance and repairs,	$6,110 00
Depreciation,	765 89
Interest,	458 00
Note payment,	600 00
Bond payment,	500 00
	$8,433 89

COST OF CONSTRUCTION

Steam plant,	$ 3,985 39
Electric plant,	4,481 01
Street lines,	11,932 10
Transformers,	3,228 68
Meters,	1,902 75
	$25,529 93

INVENTORY

Value of construction material on hand,	$464 79

INCOME

From private consumers,	$7,250 00
Appropriation for maintenance,	1,183 89
	$8,433 89

APPROPRIATIONS

For new construction,	$ 350 00
For maintenance,	1,183 89

The sum of $1,533.89 is the amount to be included by the town in the annual appropriation and in the tax levy.

CONSTRUCTION

Meters

James Dickens, meters,	$ 41 64
General Electric Co., meter,	10 00
Westinghouse E. & M. Co., meters,	125 59
B. & M. R. R., freight,	25
W. H. Scott, express,	30
	$177 78

Transformers

James Dickens, transformers,	41 30
American Express Co., expressage,	2 72
Water Department., team and labor,	4 50
Westinghouse E. & M. Co., transformers,	64 80
	$113 32

Street Lines

Pettingell, Andrews Co., wire,	85 44
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	86
Water Department, team and labor,	18 61
	$104 91
	396 01
Appropriation,	$250 00
Overdrawn,	146 01
	$396 01

MAINTENANCE

Fuel

Atkinson Coal Co., fuel,	$3,629 85
Sargent Coal Co., fuel and teaming,	773 16
	$4,403 01

Oil and Waste

Water Department, oil and waste,	$152 77

Wages at Station

W. A. Barbeau, engineer,	$580 97
J. F. Roberts, engineer,	212 56
G. J. Sutherland, engineer,	47 99
W. B. Perry, helper,	471 00
	$1,312 52

Repairing Steam Plant

Ridgway D. & E. Co., supplies,	51 00
Water Depart., supplies,	52 40
American Express Co., expressage,	3 86
	$107 26

Repairing Electric Plant

Westinghouse E. & M. Co., supplies,	$5 75
G. W. England, machine work,	1 00
W. A. Barbeau, expense,	3 00
W. B. Perry, labor,	3 00
W. A. Bailey, expense,	2 50
	$15 25

Repairing Lines, Etc.

F. C. Williams, stock and labor,	1 00
American Express Co., expressage,	1 15
Pettingell, Andrews Co., supplies,	29 00
I. B. Little Co., supplies,	47
A. McInnis, freight and trucking,	1 83
Water Dept., team and labor,	139 11
	$172 56

Incandescent Lamps, Etc.

Pettingell, Andrews Co., lamps and irons,	$206 34
American Express Co., expressage,	1 95
	$208 29

Distribution Tools

I. B. Little Co., tools,	95

Salaries

W. A. Bailey, manager,	$400 00
W. A. Bailey, commissioner,	12 50
J. L. Howe, commissioner,	12 50
W. H. Scott, commissioner,	12 50
	$437 50

Office

American Express Co., expressage,	40
Pettingell, Andrews Co., supplies,	15
Merrimac Job Print, printing,	5 00
W. H. Scott, expense,	3 00
Water Department, expense,	86 60
	$95 75

Incidentals

Water Dept., rent of station,	300 00

Insurance

Merrimac Insurance Agency, employers and public.	157 52

Bonds, Notes and Interest

Note payment,	$600 00
Bond payment,	500 00
Interest payment,	524 00
	$1,624 00
Total,	9,383 39

Balance Sheet

Total cash on hand Jan. 1, 1911,	$3,058 39
Received for sale of light and power,	7,442 00
Water Dept., fuel,	970 95
Sale of material,	2 40
Pole rentals,	19 80
Lamp and iron sales,	186 81
Appropriations,	2,085 82
Overdraft, construction account,	146 01
Interest on depreciation fund April to October,	36 31
	$13,948 49

Expended

For construction,	$ 396 01
Maintenance,	8,987 38
Balance,	4,565 10
	$13,948 49

Analysis of Cash on Hand

Total cash on hand Jan. 1, 1912,	$4.565 10	
Depreciation and interest,	2,113 93	
General cash on hand Jan. 1, 1912		$ 2,541 17

Assets

Steam plant,	$3,045 59
Electric plant,	3,227 46
Street lines,	11,052 44
Transformers,	2,648 68
Meters,	1,610 30
Due for light and power,	1,808 96

Due for lumps,	40 00
Fuel on hand,	958 68
Lamps on hand,	119 54
Tools,	103 00
General cash,	2,451 17
Depreciation fund,	2,113 93
Bonds outstanding,	7,500 00
	$29,179 75

Liabilities

Appropriations for construction,	$4,225 83
Appropriations for bond payments,	3,000 00
Appropriations for note payments,	1,200 00
Notes payable,	4,800 00
Unpaid bills,	1,138 67
Balance,	7,315 25
	$29,179 75

WILLIS H. SCOTT,
JAMES L. HOWE,
WARREN A. BAILEY,

Municipal Light Board.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS State Board of Health

1911 Subject to Correction Merrimac Water Analysis, (Parts in 100,000.)

Number	DATE OF		APPEARANCE			Residue on Evaporation	AMMONIA		Chlorine	Nitrogen As		Hardness	Iron	Remarks
	Collection	Exam'tion	Turbidity	Sediment	Color		Free	Albu-minoid		Nitrates	Nitrites			
9 181	March 2	4	v. slight	v. slight	.04	5.40	.0012	.0010	.53	.0240	.0000	2.6	0300	Wells
9 2 9	April 28	May 1	none	none	.00	6 40	.0000	.0022	.56	.0220	0000	2.2	.0090	Wells
93436	June 28	29	none	none	.00	6 30	0004	.0014	51	.0300	.0000	2.5	.0050	Wells
94883	August 31	Sept 1	none	none	.00	6 60	.0000	.0006	.51	.0500	0000	2 5	0100	Wells
96160	Oct. 29	Nov. 1	v. slight iron	slight iron	turbid '25	7.60	.0028	.0012	.67	.01 0	000	3.5	12 0	Wells

Odor—cold, none; hot, none.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1911

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. Dean Williams,	Term Expires 1912
W. L. Chaloner,	Term Expires 1913
Henry C. Manning,	Term Expires 1914
Charles E. Fish,	Superintendent

PRESENT FORCE OF TEACHERS

Charles W. Cutts,	Principal High School
Susanna I. Sayre,	First assistant
Mildred P. Neal,	Second assistant
Deborah L. Brown,	Commercial course
C. Irene Barteau,	8th grade
Mary H. Head,	7th grade
Myra L. Worster,	6th grade
Mary M. Smilie,	5th grade
Kathleen H. O'Brien,	4th grade
Nora T. Gilman,	3d grade
Mary A. Hughes,	2d grade
Marguerite Merrill,	1st grade
Annie M. Sargent,	Merrimacport
William E. Hartwell,	Supervisor of music
Mazie Henderson Murray,	Supervisor of drawing

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

During the past year many changes have been made, perhaps the most notable one was the giving up of the Bear Hill school.

The presence of so many children at the school buildings during the noon hour necessitated having some one in authority, we now have a noon custodian at both the Center and Prospect schools and parents from the outlying districts can feel sure that their children are having good care during the noon hour.

Transportation

The transportation of the children from Bear Hill was open to competitative bids and awarded to the lowest bidder. The Birch Meadow route is a long hard one and we have been obliged to pay $100.00 more a year for having the children brought into town over this section.

Teachers

During the year we have had several changes in our teaching force, and one, Miss Blanch Cunningham after a service of eleven years as first grade teacher has taken a position in a neighboring city.

It seems no more than just to her that we make public in this report our deep regret at losing one who was so eminently fitted to instruct the young and whose devotion to her work and enthusiasm in it was a great source of strength to our teaching staff.

Repairs

We have laid a new floor in the 7th grade room at an expense of about $100.00, a change greatly needed. We have also remodelled the room at the High School devoted to business training so that it is now capable of being heated even in severe weather.

Books

We have spent a large amount for books this last year and yet there are shortages in some classes. We hope parents will join with us in impressing their children with the need of as great care in the use of their school books as they would in using books from the home or public library.

We cannot ask the town burdened as it is for larger appropriations, yet the demands are increasing every year. We have felt obliged for reasons of economy to give up the mild form of manual training which we had for a few months and there are many things we would like and ought to do but cannot. Merrimac's position is peculiar in this respect in that, while the attendance at High School of the towns in Essex county is less than 9 percent of the school population in Merrimac it is about 25 percent, and of course it goes without saying that it costs much more for a year in the High School than for one in the grades, yet the average cost per pupil in Merrimac is about the average for the State, this would seem to indicate that, although we have a slight shortage, we have not been extravagant.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts

Appropriations:	
General,	$ 8,150 00
Transportation,	500 00
Superintendent,	375 00
Account of Supt. (from State,)	500 00
State Wards,	207 00
Dog tax,	201 21
Sale of materials,	1 20
Mass. School Fund,	780 73
Overdraft on order 710,	11 80
Tuition from Amesbury,	10 00
Balance on State School fund from last year,	149 63
Overdraft,	114 41
	$11,000 98

Expenditures

Teachers' salaries,	$ 6,977 03
Janitors' salaries,	709 42
Fuel,	558 54
Supt's salary,	650 00
Repairs,	334 90
Transportation,	648 00
Books,	341 19
Incidentals,	520 53
Supplies,	261 37
	$11,000 98

NOTE

The following items for which there was no appropriation, and which consequently had to be paid for from the general school fund, have contributed to the overdraft for the year:

Manual arts,	$175 00
New floor seventh grade room,	102 50
Noon custodians,	100 00
Increase in salary for conveyance of school children to Birch Meadow,	$100 00
	$477 50

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Committee of Merrimac:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. Your attention is called to the usual statistics required to be filed with the State Board of Education and to the enrollment of pupils in the several grades for the term just closed. In cities and towns of this commonwealth, school committees act under the statutes not as the agents of the cities and towns which elect them but as the public officials of the State.

The public statutes are in good part mandatory and therefore school committees must, through their executive officers, carry out these provisions regardless of personal opinions or local feeling or prejudice. In some important particulars the statutes are permissive and allow school committees to exercise discretion. It is under such circumstances that school committees feel keenly the responsibility of their office. While endeavoring to keep in touch with the plans of the State Board of Education and to continue progressive in spirit, they desire at the same time that their acts shall reflect intelligent local sentiment.

When the tax rate in any community is so high as to menace business prosperity, it becomes the duty of the school committee, under whose direction a large part of the tax levy is expended, to study carefully local needs and apply scientific tests to all expenditures.

It will be conceded that children between the ages of seven and fourteen years whose attendance upon the

public schools is compulsory have the first claim upon all assets of the department. Therefore a school board acts wisely when it organizes these children into a minimum number of grades or groups and raises the age of admission to the first grade as near to seven years as thoughtful people of the town will approve.

Under conditions stated above the kindergarten cannot be afforded and certainly no part of the school funds can be used for a day nursery.

Parents should assume cheerfully the care of their children until they are at least six years old.

A year at school in an advanced grade is more valuable to a child whose attendance is by necessity limited than the year between five and six while the cost to the town is about the same.

If children spent the years between six and fourteen in preparation for the High School instead of the years between five and thirteen, there would be fewer failures in the High School and fewer repeaters in the grades.

Children compelled to leave school at fourteen would be better drilled in fundamental subjects and possess more valuable attainments because the added maturity of one year would give increased ability to profit by instruction and to grasp the details of the work prescribed. A larger part of the school appropriation therefore, ought to be expended upon grade work. Salaries should be raised that we may have a well trained and reasonably permanent corps of teachers. It is important also that the teaching force have broad scholarship and a just conception of the meaning and scope of grade work. Grade work does not mean lock-step work. Its object is not to turn out an average product based on any marking system. The child is of greater importance than any system. His individual aptitude should be studiously observed and his natural tastes if high cultivated. Every

opportunity should be given each child to show his best work along chosen lines and the co-operation of the home sought to further such inclinations. If possible correlate work which seems hard or distasteful with something which the child likes.

The High School in the small town can offer few if any electives. The pupils of the small town represent as many different types perhaps as the pupils of the big city, but the small town has only one High School and the burden of its support is often great therefore the course of study should be narrow, intensive and based on the needs of the large majority who will probably go to no higher institutions. Such a course of study would naturally include in its first two years much of the work done in college preparation. It is better for the town to pay the tuition of one or two students who may be going to college elsewhere during the last two years of the course than to modify the work in the local school to the detriment of the great majority in attendance.

I know very well how such a statement hurts the pride of an occasional alumnus who measures the worth of the High School by the number of students which it sends to higher institutions. But is this measure fair? Why not measure its worth by the number who graduate and who then stand, diploma in hand, with a sort of dazed look wondering not what to do next but what is coming next while parents who have worked hard and sacrificed much ask, "Does it pay?" It is very true that other influences than those of the class room are potent with young people and very true that environment in the home and in the social circle tells much for success or failure but the school and those responsible for its management are not thereby freed from responsibility for maintaining high standards of efficiency.

The reports of the special teachers are herewith sub-

mitted and approved. It is a cause of regret that means are not available for furnishing instruction in manual and household arts. These subjects vitalize the whole course of training in the schools and aid greatly many pupils in their life work.

My thanks are due to you. gentlemen of the School Committee, for appreciative co-operation and an earnest desire to further in every possible way suggestions for improvement of the schools.

It is fitting that I should acknowledge the hearty and intelligent co-operation of the teachers whose unselfish work has made effective all plans for improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. FISH,
Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL OF THE HIGH SCHOOL

To the Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith submit my annual report on the condition of the High School.

The registration during the past year has been unusually large, due partly to the abnormal condition of classes resulting from the change in the number of grades below the High School. This will, of course, adjust itself to a normal condition in two years more.

The daily attendance has also been good. Irregularity in attendance seriously interferes with the work of the school as a whole, but works by far the greater harm upon the pupil who is not regular in attendance or in his work. I would, therefore, suggest that parents consider carefully the effect upon their children of allowing relatively unimportant matters to interfere with regular and punctual attendance upon school. Most of our homes are very careful in this particular. The tardiness which is the most regrettable feature of our attendance record is to be attributed to relatively few pupils. There has been a decided improvement in this matter over the record past years.

The feeling prevails that our pupils would achieve better results from their course in the High School if they should attain a little more maturity before they entered. As it does not seem advisable to restore the ninth grade in order to accomplish this, I would suggest the ad-

visability of raising the age-limit at which children may enter the First grade from five years to six years. The work of the grades could then be more easily and more thoroughly done, and the pupil would reach a more satisfactory state of development when he is ready to enter the High School. This would, in some measure, perhaps, lessen the number of failures in the first two years of the High School.

The exchange of the old typewriters for new ones equips the typewriting department with first-class machines of the latest type. The school is now doing good commercial work, but the efficiency of this department would be greatly increased if a properly equipped room could be devoted to that work. At present the work is being done under considerable disadvantage.

I would repeat my recommendation of last year that the building be wired for electric lighting for the reasons that I then gave. I would also suggest again the advisability of heating the corridors and the room used for drawing and commercial work by means of a supplementary heater. Until this is done, there will always be an unsatisfactory condition in the building in cold weather, and more or less frequent interruptions of work. In the end, I believe it would prove to be in the interest of economy.

The spirit of the school is excellent, the work being done by the school as a whole is good, that done by many is superior. We have never had, during my connection with the school, more earnest or more faithful teachers; hence the present condition of the work is highly satisfactory, and the prospect for the remaining months of the year most encouraging.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for all helpful

suggestions and assistance, also the School Committee for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. CUTTS,

Principal.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Board of Merrimac:

Your supervisor submits herewith a brief report of the year's progress in the study of music in the Merrimac schools, without attempting to go into detail as to the specific work of each grade, as was done in my last year's communication. At the outset I will say that there is not a school in the whole town which is not thoroughly interested in the subject of music, and not one which is not doing excellent work.

The schedule outlined for the pupils calls for individual effort in every direction where it is possible to exact it, and thus is known each pupil's real standing in musical study. This has been found of great value in many ways, particularly in the increased attention paid by the pupils, for they are interested in a subject just in proportion to their understanding of that subject.

In certain grades much personal attention is given to teaching all rhythmic forms by aid of the French time language, so that no pupil can be ignorant of this important branch of musical training.

That the pupils may become better acquainted with the higher forms of classical music, thereby greatly increasing interest in that most-beautiful and instructive branch of the art, work is progressing at the present time in the study of the different modes of the minor scale, and time given up to this can not fail to be instructive to all pupils, particularly to those who are studying or are

to study instrumental music.

Just now are due a few words in regard to the superior work that has been accomplished by the High School during the past 12 months. Each succeeding year shows improvement over the previous one, until, at the present time, there are but few difficulties met with in the high grade of songs they take up which are not easily overcome. I am satisfied that the Merrimac public has not heard as yet the best work, musically, of which their High School is capable, gratifying as the past achievements have been.

Thanks are due to a very excellent corps of teachers in all grades; to the pupils for their thoughtful courtesy; and to the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board for all needed supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. HARTWELL,

Supervisor of Music.

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 24, 1912.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Mr. Charles E. Fish, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—The quality and nature of the work being done in the subject of drawing in our schools can best be judged by those who visited the exhibition held last June. The exhibition covered the work accomplished through the grades and the High School.

The work in drawing is being carried on much the same as outlined in last year's report,—color and plant drawing in the fall, constructive design and structural drawing in December, object drawing in the winter term and decorative design and painting spring flowers in the spring.

In the High School the work in drawing is arranged in five divisions, two classes of boys taking mechanical drawing, and three classes of girls taking free-hand drawing. The subject is elective. Only those interested have elected it and all are doing serious work.

Under the present arrangement all rooms from the first through the fifth grade are visited once in two weeks with the exception of Merrimacport which is visited once a month. The sixth and seventh grades are visited three times a month and the eighth grade in the High School building has a lesson each week from the supervisor.

Aspiring boys and girls who appear to have special ability should complete a good English High School course and graduate with honor before thinking of special training, and then spend two years at least in an art

school affording training in both free-hand and mechanical drawing, modeling and design, before deciding what special line of work they will follow.

A boy with a whim for illustration may discover in an art school that he has real ability in design, and a girl who adores Gibson drawings may find after all that her place is in an architect's office.

In closing I wish to thank you, Principal Cutts, and all the teachers for your suggestions and help, as the success of drawing is due in a large measure to your hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MAZIE HENDERSON MURRAY,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

To the School Board of the Town of Merrimac:

Gentlemen:—During the past year we have had no serious epidemics of the two more dreaded diseases—diphtheria and scarlet fever.

What cases we have had have been isolated with no deaths.

We have at the present time a large number of cases of whooping cough, most of it mild but some of the severe type. While this is not considered a very fatal disease, when we have an epidemic in midwinter, it is not unlikely that we may have some cases of pneumonia follow this disease which is one of the most serious and fatal types of pneumonia. Therefore much more care has to be taken now than if it were summer and it is to be remembered that even after the child is better, it can communicate the disease as long as it coughs.

The child should not be sent to school until the cough is well and it is to be remembered that there can be no control of the disease if the child is allowed to play with children who do go to school after school hours. Many of these cases physicians do not see at all, or only once, and the prevalence of the epidemic shows what value there is in absolute isolation, and control in contageous diseases as that is assumed over a case of diphtheria or scarlet fever.

According to the State law the throats and mouths of the eight grades have been examined. The most strik-

ing result of this examination has been that fully fifty percent of the children's teeth of the children of the town are neglected. Many of them most shamefully so. This is evidently due, in a community like ours, where real poverty is almost unknown, made up at it is of the families of high grade mechanics, not to willful neglect but to a lack of knowledge of the importance of the care of children's teeth.

By this is meant not only the care of the permanent or second teeth, but to the first teeth which should be cared for and filled if need be so that they may last until the second teeth come.

We cannot have a good digestion without proper mastication of the food. We cannot have proper mastication without good teeth. We have in our schools many children from ten to fourteen years of age with large cavities in their six-year-old molars which belong to the permanent teeth. Of course this is hardly fair to the child to have these neglected so that they have to be extracted is it?

It is not conducive to good digestion, to have a stream of fluid swallowed into the stomach at all times, mixed with bacteria and puss from a foul mouth due to lack of a dentist's care.

There is quite a percentage of cases of diseased tonsils and adenoids both of which are today receiving very much more attention at the hands of physicians than a few years ago.

Large and diseased tonsils are the avenues of inlet into the body, of a large percentage of our cases of tuberculosis and rheumatism with the long train of troubles that can be traced to them.

Adenoids and diseased tonsils are the initial causes of so large a percentage of deafness in children, and

adults, through infection of the middle ear, with abscess and discharging ears.

While it is claimed that most children have more or less of adenoid growth, when it has caused nasal obstruction, with mouth breathing or discharging ears, these come under the head of neglected children, if not operated on and removed.

Probably very few of the townspeople know of the advances that have been made in the State of Massachusetts and in many of the more progressive states as regards the medical inspection of school children.

In this State in the larger cities, school physicians are employed with adequate salaries, so that children are inspected regularly.

On each child's promotion cards with the rank he has had in his studies, deportment and attendance at school, is also a record of the school physician of the child's physical defects, which is kept from the first grade to the high school. In many cases the boy who is mentally dull and behind in his school work, the cause can be traced to defective vision or hearing or adenoids or some physical defect.

The attention of the parents are called to this and if the child is not attended to in a reasonable time the cause is ascertained. If it is because of financial reasons to neglect either through prejudice or ignorance, and the child is not attended to, the matter is taken up in court, and the judge orders the parent or guardian not to neglect treatment longer.

While we have to be educated up to these things, those of judicial minds can readily see that it is all for the good of the children and for the race. When these children become the parents, it will be no new thing to them, simply a matter of course, the proper thing to do.

While Merrimac cannot afford to pay a physician

for much time to be spent in her schools, if parents are taught to give more attention and thought to common hygiene and preventative medicine, the benefits of fresh air and proper exercise, very much can be done by way of the prevention of disease.

Since time began there has been no cure for any trouble that equals the prevention of it altogether.

F. E. SWEETSIR, M. D.

TRUANT OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Charles E. Fish, Superintendent of Schools, Merrimac, Mass.:

Your Truant Officer begs leave to report 33 cases investigated, not any of them proving to be actual cases of truancy.

H. C. MANNING,

Truant Officer.

TABLE OF ATTENDANCE AND OTHER DATA FOR FOUR MONTHS ENDING DEC. 15, 1911

School	Grade	Teachers	Where Educated	Salary Per Month	Total Membership	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
HIGH		Charles W. Cutts, Prin.	Bates College	$120.00	94	92.62	89.08	96.16	135	72
		Susanna I. Sayre	Boston University	50.00						
		Mildred P. Neal	Wellesley College	42.50						
		Deborah L. Brown	Salem Commercial	40.00						
	8	C. Irene Barteau	Salem Normal	45.00	31	29.34	28.6	97.5	24	11
Center	7	Mary H. Head	Merrimac High	47.50	40	39.23	37.35	95.2	65	17
Center	6	Myra E. Worster	Gorham Normal	45.00	40	39.42	37.99	96.37	45	33
Prospect St.	4	May M. Smilie	Portsmouth Training	40.00	33	31.06	30.05	96.74	38	15
Prospect St.	5	Kathleen H. O'Brien	Salem Normal	40.00	25	23.56	22.5	95.4	23	3
Center	3	Nora T. Gilman	Lowell Normal	40.00	25	23.04	21.9	95.	16	2
Center	2	Mary A. Hughes	Merrimac High	40.00	31	29.57	27.19	91.9	53	8
Center	1	S. Blanche Cunningham	Salem Normal	47.50	31	29.66	26.72	90.08	40	4
Port	1 2 3 4 5	Marguerite Merrill	Miss Fisher's Training School	40.00						
		Annie M Sargent	Merrimac High	40.00						
		W. E. Hartwell	Holt's Normal School	20.00	18	16.88	16.18	95.84	28	4
		Mazie Murray	Boston Normal Art	20.00						

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